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27 February 1961

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The Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller  
Governor of New York  
Albany, New York

Dear Nelson:

I greatly appreciate your letters of February 15 and 17 and the enclosed reports on which I congratulate you and your Committee. Only one suggestion occurs to us immediately in connection with these reports; namely, that shelters be accurately plotted on maps which would be in the custody of civil defense authorities. In the event of nuclear attack knowledge of these locations would be invaluable to civil defense forces searching for trapped survivors.

I was also pleased to read the clear and forceful statement on the subject that you presented to the New York State Defense Council. Your statement recognizes both the tremendous importance of the fallout problem and the fact that relatively low cost protection against this danger can be achieved.

Pete Scoville has reported to me on his trip to

Distribution: Albany and on the courtesies you have shown him.

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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The Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller  
Governor of New York  
Albany, New York

Dear Nelson:

I greatly appreciate your sending me a copy of Survival in a Nuclear Attack. Your committee should be congratulated on the clarity of the report. It contains what our people believe are essential elements of a shelter program for protection against fallout. Only one suggestion occurs to us immediately, namely, that shelters be accurately plotted on maps which would be in the custody of civil defense authorities. In the event of nuclear attack knowledge of these locations would be invaluable to civil defense forces searching for trapped survivors.

I was also pleased to read the clear and forceful statement on the subject of protection against fallout that you presented to the New York State Defense Council. It would be inappropriate for me to comment on some aspects of this statement in my capacity as Director of Central Intelligence, but as a private citizen and a legal resident of New York, I am delighted to see a positive and constructive program being put forward. Your statement recognizes both the tremendous importance of the fallout problem and the fact that relatively low cost protection against this danger can be achieved through a well conceived program.

I personally wish you every success in your efforts to provide an effective defense for residents of the State of New York.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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The Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller  
Governor of New York  
Albany, New York

Dear Nelson:

I was delighted to read the clear and forceful statement on the subject of protection against fallout that you presented to the New York State Defense Council. It would be inappropriate for me to comment on some aspects of this statement in my capacity as Director of Central Intelligence, but as a private citizen and a legal resident of New York, I am delighted to see such a sound program being put forward. It is particularly noteworthy that your statement recognizes both the tremendous importance of the fallout problem and the relatively inexpensive nature of the protection against this danger that can be achieved through soundly conceived action.

In addition to the above, however, it is always gratifying to an intelligence officer to see that persons in positions of great responsibility are taking action on the basis of the warnings that we in intelligence try so hard to provide.

Sincerely,

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